

**MINUTES
COMMISSIONERS' MEETING
SIXTH TAXING DISTRICT, City of Norwalk
September 9, 2015**

**Rowayton Community Center
8:00 p.m.**

PRESENT: Commissioners Tammy Langalis, Mike Barbis, John Igneri, District Treasurer John Verel, District Assistant Property Manager, District Clerk Andrea Woodworth.

ABSENT: District Fire Marshal and District Property Manager Ed Carlson.

The September 9, 2015 meeting of the Sixth Taxing District Commissioners was called to order at 8:10 p.m. by Commission Chair Tammy Langalis.

The first item on the **New Business** Agenda was a discussion of the RCA's House Tour to be held on Friday, September 18, 2015. The Commissioners have given permission for overflow parking at Bayley Beach.

The next item on New Business was the resignation of District Treasurer John Verel. Mr. Verel presented the Commissioners with a letter saying that

"It has been a real pleasure working with the Sixth Taxing District Commissioners and our hard working District personnel over the past five plus years.

Today, Wednesday, September 9, 2015, I am resigning as the Treasurer of the Sixth Taxing District of the City of Norwalk, Connecticut.

I am pleased to note that James Hendrickson has agreed to complete my term of office as Treasurer. I am confident he will be an excellent Treasurer, and I hope he enjoys the challenges as much as I have."

Given this letter and Mr. Verel's wish to resign, Commission Chair Tammy Langalis made a motion to "receive the Resignation of Treasurer John P. Verel effective today, Wednesday,

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September 9, 2015”. The motion was passed unanimously. Mrs. Langalis went on to make the following motion, “to appoint the replacement as District Treasurer, Mr. James Hendrickson, to serve the remainder of John Verel’s term, effective today, Wednesday, September 9, 2015”. The motion passed unanimously.

The Commissioners next took up the riparian rights at the RAC building, 145 Rowayton Avenue. The owner of Down Under is not being offered her lease back in her present premises and would like to find a space to open the store again. Commissioner Barbis said that he would like to contact and hire someone to research our riparian rights. We might be able to offer Ms. Beaumont a space in the basement of the Rowayton Arts Center building. We would need to address the fact that the bulkhead there is falling apart. Neighbors are using our water to get out now. We need to secure our water rights. He feels that the longer we let the current situation go on, the more will be the problems. We need someone to give us an idea what we can do. We may not be able to finish work there by next summer but we need to begin the process.

The Commissioners have received a request to hold a Camp Out at Bayley Beach on Saturday, September 26, 2015. Tim Widmer has agreed to be in charge of it. We need to have some guidelines about it. The gates of the beach will be locked at the usual time and the participants will not be allowed to come and go. We will require that only Rowayton residents be allowed at the Camp Out. Ed Carlson can finalize the details with them. The Commissioners gave their approval for the camp out.

On the subject of the Greens Ledge Lighthouse in **Old Business**, Commission Chair Tammy Langalis said that she and Ed Carlson had taken a tour of the lighthouse along with a woman from the General Services Administration of the federal government. Even if transfer of ownership were to occur, the Coast Guard would have maintenance responsibilities and unimpeded access to the light house. The government is trying to divest itself of these lighthouses. It was thought that there would be a lot of interior and exterior work to be done to the lighthouse if we were to take it over. Ed has taken photos of it and they are in an album which was distributed for the attendees to look at. If the government were to sell the lighthouse to a private owner, the government would tax them 10% of the purchase price each year. There were several entities interested in the property besides the Sixth Taxing District. Mrs. Langalis said that she thought it would cost a lot to fix the lighthouse and that the Sixth Taxing District doesn’t need to be in the lighthouse business. New District Treasurer Jim Hendrickson suggested that there might be private fundraisers to raise the money for the repairs. Assistant District Property Manager Jason O’Donnell pointed out that he thought it would require the district to have a boat for access.

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Commissioner John Igeri said that he had recently spoken to Recreation and Parks Director Mike Mocciae and he would like to be made aware of any ceremony to change the name of

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Witch Park to Old School Field. The old school bell which has been at Pinkney Park will be taken back to the field and displayed somehow. This would probably happen in late September to early October.

Commissioner Mike Barbis announced that the driveway project is mostly finished. There is only some gardening to do, which they will be trying to get accomplished on September 26. All help will be gratefully accepted. There is one issue with the parking and they will stay on top of that. Some people have said that they really like the new traffic pattern. One issue is that there is no dedicated pedestrian access. The Commissioners will be working on that.

Mr. Barbis also said that they are working on wiring the whole Community Center for WiFi. They still need to put in some routers. It will all be the library's system.

It has been suggested that we arrange to have the Norwalk Symphony Orchestra perform at Pinkney Park some time. They've had some offers to underwrite the performance. The Rowayton Civic Association is working on it for next year.

The Commissioners have agreed to sign a lease with the Rowayton Gardeners for three years with a three year extension for the Potting Shed.

Commission Chair Tammy Langalis noted that at the RR station, the lots will be repaired and the lines repainted this Sunday and the next Sunday. The Clerk will create a spread sheet with the commuters' email addresses so that events at the station can be easily communicated.

Report of the District Fire Marshal	July – August		Ed Carlson	
	July #	August	July # Man Hours	August
Blasting Permits	***			***
Blasting Site Inspections	***			***
Building Inspections	3	7	4	10
Clerical (office) work			22	21
Fire Marshal Conferences	***			***
Career Development Training	***			***
Investigation(s)	1	1	1	1
Meetings: District monthly	1		2	
(Other) Plan Review		2		2
(Other) Fireworks Standby	1		8	
		Total Man Hrs:	37	34

Remarks: NPD have warned a person of interest in several fire incidents not to be seen at any in the future. They are monitoring this individual.

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Report of District Property Manager

September

Ed Carlson

Community Center:

1. Hazardous waste drums were removed by CTR.
2. The new driveway exit is completed and the parking lot striped.
3. The ice house and paddle hut doors have been repaired.
4. The dogwoods and other young trees have been watered when necessary; it was a very dry August.
5. The remaining phone lines from the old office location are: two lines for fire alarm, the basement and main floor phones (both blocked long distance), the old main office line for DSL.

Bayley Beach:

1. The playground inspection was completed by the District insurance company. Minor corrections are needed to be done to the equipment.
2. Rip Rap and the concrete slab are scheduled to be completed by the end of September.
3. The bathroom window and the gate guard shack windows which were broken by vandals have been repaired.

Pinkney Park:

1. Repairs to the trim on the Marine Building will be done soon.
2. The alanthus trees were removed along the shoreline to improve the view of the river.
3. Two apple trees were removed.

R. R. Parking Lot:

1. F&D will be sealing cracks in the pavement and striping parking lines soon.

Joe Jensen said that the speed signs that have been put up in several places around town have been working beautifully to slow down traffic. Commissioner Igneri stated that he thought one of them should be positioned on Wilson Avenue just before Covewood to slow down the habitual speeding that is observed there. Joe also said that he had found the south door to the Underground was left open on at least one occasion. It is thought that when F&G were here they were using that door and didn't lock up. We need to alert the RPTA to the need to lock up after themselves. Joe also said that a section of fence near the bathrooms and near Roton Point at Bayley Beach needs to be checked as people are entering both properties under it. Tammy thanked Joe for his patrols this summer.

Report of the District Clerk

September 9, 2015

Andrea Woodworth

1. I finally got the District calendars back after some IT help from Will Huse.
2. There have been many events scheduled, all without incident, at Bayley Beach.
3. There seem to be many new residents to Rowayton as I have issued a lot of new Bayley

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Beach permits lately.

4. Colangelo would like to schedule their summer end office party at Bayley Beach on September 15. This is the last day of the season at the beach. Since I doubt there will be anyone on the gate to collect entry fees, may I OK them for that date and no parking fees? If they don't get permission, I believe they will go for another date after the season. They have scheduled so many different dates, but seem to be set on this one. They will pay \$750.00 rental and employ Jason for the duration of the party as I assume Don will be gone by then. Is that correct? **APPROVED**
5. I'm working with someone from Saint Aloysius School in New Canaan for a Lobster Bake at the Community Center in October.

Jason and others reported that the renters cleaned up **VERY WELL** after the recent wedding at the Community Center.

Commission Chair Tammy Langalis said that, due to a conflict for Jim Hendrickson, the Commissioners' Meetings will be held on the third Wednesday of the month at 7:30 p.m. from now on.

Outgoing Treasurer John Verel reminded the Clerk that he would need a copy of the Minutes for this meeting by September 16, a week from tomorrow, to transfer signer authority with the banks.

Commissioner John Igeneri made a motion to adjourn the meeting, which passed unanimously. The motion was seconded by Commission Chair Tammy Langalis and the September meeting of the Sixth Taxing District Commissioners was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Andrea Woodworth
Clerk, 6th Taxing District